Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-21 are pending in the application, with 1, 6, and 16 being the independent claims. The above amendment introduces no new matter, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that claims 6-21 have been allowed in a prior office action; the present reply therefore addresses claims 1-5 only.

Also, this Reply and Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and represents part of the submission required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner argues that claim 1 is indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner finds no antecedent basis for the phrase "said graphics rendering resources" at the end of the claim. Claim 1 has been amended to include the word "remote" in this phrase. The phrase now matches the corresponding term in the preamble of this claim. This amendment therefore satisfies the Examiner's concern regarding insufficient antecedent basis, and its entry is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,085,247 ("Parsons"). In particular, the Examiner cites col. 2, lines 12-24 of Parsons as anticipating the limitation of claim 1 relating to an application at a server, wherein the application receives commands from a client. In the cited passage, however, Parsons describes a client that is running a local graphical user interface (GUI). Hence, the GUI in Parsons, i.e., the graphics application, is actually executing on the client, not the server. Claim 1 of the present invention clearly recites an application located at the server. For at least this reason, claim 1 is not anticipated by Parsons.

The concept of a graphics application executing at the client is reiterated in Parsons at several points. While a session is managed at the server, according to Parsons, the session supports a windowing graphical user interface environment on the remote client (col. 2, line 63 through col. 3, line 7). Parsons also describes how the client-based module resides in memory at the client and executes on the client's processing unit. Moreover, the client-based module contains code to run a graphical windowing user interface (col. 6, line 25 through line 28). Claim 28 of Parsons also describes client-based code that executes at a client, such that the client runs a local graphical user interface (col. 17, lines 7 through 10).

Moreover, because claims 2 through 5 depend from claim 1, claims 2 through 5 necessarily include the limitation of an application located at a server. Because Parsons fails to anticipate claim 1, this reference likewise fails to anticipate dependent claims 2 through 5. For at least this reason, therefore, Parsons does not anticipate claims 2 through 5 of the present application.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant(s) therefore respectfully request(s) that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant(s) believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1.   (Twice Amended) A system for providing a client with access to remote graphics rendering resources at a server, the server comprising:

an application at the server, wherein said application receives commands from the client; and

a remote rendering control system that receives graphics from said application, generates modified graphics instructions on the basis of said graphics instructions, and outputs said modified graphics instructions to said remote graphics rendering resources.